

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. PHYLLIS
CAUSEY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend and remarkable Kentuckian, Mrs. Phyllis Causey. In January, after over 39 years of honorable and selfless public service, she will retire.

Her Lewisburg High School yearbook in 1968 contained a prophecy for her, saying, "Phyllis will be in President Nixon's Cabinet in ten years." And although Nixon resigned while she was at basic training for the Army Reserve in 1974 and she never did make it to the White House, lucky for us she still decided to follow her passion for politics and public service.

Phyllis graduated from Hopkinsville Community College in 1970 and received her Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University in 1972. Upon her graduation, Phyllis worked for WKU for the following 23 years.

In 1995, she was hired as a field representative for Congressman Ron Lewis and when I was elected to replace Congressman Lewis upon his retirement, Phyllis was kind enough to continue working for me.

While traveling as a candidate for Congress, I met so many individuals whose first question to me was, to ask if I was keeping Phyllis on staff if I was elected. Their question was a testament to Phyllis' compassion, hard work, and dedication to the individuals in the counties she served. She was, and still is, irreplaceable.

Phyllis grew up on a farm in Logan County, where her parents taught her the value of hard work and the importance of giving and caring for others. And throughout the nearly 20 years I have known Phyllis she has exemplified these values every day.

She has been such an inspiration to me. She has always been devoted to the causes she believes in—church, family and friends. Phyllis is an incredible wife, daughter, sister and mother. I know her family, especially her husband Larry, will be happy to have her around more often.

Although I will miss her, I know this is in no way a goodbye. I am positive she will continue to be active and touch the lives of those of us who have had the privilege of calling her a friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Phyllis Causey, who exemplifies what it means to be an American, a Kentuckian, a Christian and a public servant.

REMEMBERING MARY BOYCE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Mary Boyce, who passed away on the morning of Thursday, December 1, 2011. Mary was the mother of my good friend Barry Boyce; my thoughts and prayers are with his family. She was a wonderful woman who lived life to the fullest and

always knew the importance of love and family. Therefore, on behalf of the family and friends of Mary, I would like to include her obituary, which appeared in the Public Opinion on December 2, 2011, in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

MARY T. BOYCE OBITUARY

Mary T. Boyce, 97, of The Village of Laurel Run, Fayetteville, died in the early morning on December 1, 2011. Mary was born in New York City, on January 15, 1914, to Cornelius (Neil) Gibbons, a New York City Police Sergeant, who was killed in the line of duty in 1924, and Mary Calhoun, both from County Donegal, Ireland. She graduated from Cathedral High School in Manhattan, 1932. She and her future husband, Donald C. Boyce, Jr., met while they were both working at the 1939 World's Fair, and they were married in New Orleans in 1941. Mary and her husband moved to Chambersburg, where he became personnel manager of T.B. Woods' Sons Company. Mary lived in Chambersburg from 1947 to 1949, and again from 1956 until 1982, shortly after Donald's death. Mary returned in 2006. In addition to raising her children, Mary worked at Sears & Roebuck and as a real estate and economic data gatherer for the Census Bureau.

During her time in Chambersburg, Mary was active in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She took part in the Red Stocking Revue and the garden club and was a dedicated member of the Chambersburg Country Club and played golf until age 88. She was a voracious reader and bridge player, a diligent letter writer, and an excellent cook. She kept track of the activities of her far-flung family on a daily basis until her final days. In April 2009, a video interview with Mary reflecting on her early life and memories of the Great Depression was featured on the New York Times website. The video may be viewed at the site's "The New Hard Times" section. Mary was predeceased by her eldest son, Donald, of New York City. She is survived by six children: Brian, of Virginia Beach; Neil, of New York City; Robert, of Fayetteville; Mary Jane, of Fairhope, Alabama; Margaret Anne, of Ashland, Oregon; and Barry, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday December 12, 2011, I missed four recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall 913, "aye" on Rollcall 914, "aye" on Rollcall 915, and "nay" on Rollcall 916.

MONI PIZ WILSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Moni Piz Wilson for her outstanding service to our community.

As owner and operator of Grandma's Frozen Egg Noodles, Moni carries the entrepre-

neurial spirit necessary to keep her business successful. Moni bought the business in 2001 without formal business training or experience running a company. She took her business from a small shop to one that delivers 200,000 cases of noodles each year.

Moni tackles all tasks with a get-it-done-today attitude. Her spirit for success is not constrained to her business, but extends to the Arvada community as well. Moni not only serves as Vice President of the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) board of directors, but was instrumental in the Foot-hills Animal Shelter "Raising Capital" campaign to fund the construction of the new animal shelter.

Moni's success and community outreach won her the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Moni Piz Wilson for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 916, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CHRISTINE COOK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christine Cook for her outstanding service to our community.

Christine is CEO of INGATHER Research, where she has been a huge influence on the market research industry, developing the first residential home in market research called "The Reality House." Several facilities across the Nation have mirrored her model and efforts of thinking outside the box. With Christine's help, INGATHER Research received BBB's Gold Star Award for Excellence for the past 4 years and has also been chosen as a "Colorado Company to Watch" by Colorado Biz Magazine.

Christine is a leader in the community. She has served as president of Colorado Chapter of BMA (Business Marketing Association), MRA (Marketing Research Association), Colorado Chapter of AMA (American Marketing Association), and Celiac Disease Foundation. In 2010 Christine was awarded the Communicator of the Year Award from the Business Marketing Association and the Colorado Ethics in Business Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christine Cook for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.